

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract must be on a separate page. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-2, 10, 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goff et al (4258908)

Goff et al discloses a clamp having a first and second clamp members (20 and 22 & 12 and 16), a pivot (26), first and second clamp locations (anywhere

between the two clamp members), adjustable bolt (42), rotatable spacers and ends (30&32), and handle (48).

5. Claims 1-2, 10-12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weaver (5758870).

Weaver discloses a clamp having a first and second clamp members (20 and 21), a pivot (22), first and second clamp locations (anywhere between the two clamp members), adjustable bolt (27), rotatable spacers and ends (24), and handle (44). The workbench and woodpiece are inherent because wood workers and machinist use these clamps on woodpieces used on work benches.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3-9 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. **Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.**

- a. Please see new rejections above.
- b. In regard to the abstract, the rule is stated above in the objection. All applicant has to do is put the abstract on a separate sheet of paper.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE D. WILSON whose telephone number is 571-272-4499. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOSEPH HAIL can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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